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Title: ESTERASES

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified patent application, please enter the following replacement paragraph at page 1, under the heading "Related Applications":

-- This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/903,410, filed July 10, 2001; which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/382,242, filed August 24, 1999, now pending; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/602,359, filed February 16, 1996, now issued U.S. Patent No. 5,942,430, issued August 24, 1999, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on April 2, 2002, in an envelope addressed to:
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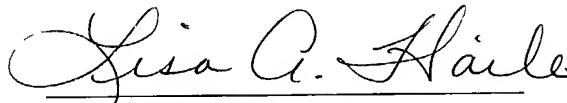
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The changes to the paragraph, as filed, may be found in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge (or apply any credits to) Deposit Account 50-1355. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions related to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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